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SUBJECT: YOMIURI SCOOPS JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. MARCH 21 JAPANESE YOMIURI CARRIED ON PAGE 2 WHAT PURPORTS TO BE TEXT OF JAPANESE DRAFT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE, SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED AT CONCLUSION OF US-JAPAN SUMMIT TALKS. YOMIURI CLAIMS EIGHT-PARAGRAPH DRAFT IS CURRENT AS OF FUKUDA'S MARCH 19 DEPARTURE AND IS RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN USG AND GOJ.

2. IN RELATED PAGE TWO ARTICLE, YOMIURI SAYS THAT FUKUDA WILL ONCE MORE INQUIRE INTO PRESIDENT'S THINKING ON SCHEDULE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US GROUND FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA IN 4-5 YEARS. FUKUDA IS EXPECTED TO EXPLAIN JAPANESE BELIEF THAT BALANCE ON KOREAN PENINSULA IS MAINTAINED BY COMPLEX RELATIONSHIP AMONG US, PRC AND USSR. REGARDING SCHEDULE FOR DRAWDOWN OF GROUND FORCES, FUKUDA IS EXPECTED TO EMPHASIZE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) DRAWDOWN SHOULD NOT BE DONE IN WAY THAT WOULD CREATE MISUNDERSTANDING IN NORTH KOREA THAT IT WAS FIRST STEP IN WEAKENING US DEFENSE COMMITMENT TO ROK; (2) IN CONSIDERATION OF FLUID SITUATION IN EAST ASIA, NO FIXED SCHEDULE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENCEMENT OR COMPLETION OF WITHDRAWALS. RELATED TO THIS, FUKUDA, ACCORDING TO YOMIURI WISHES TO REFER TO US FORCES IN KOREA PROBLEM AS ONE OF "REDUCTIONS" RATHER THAN UNCLASSIFIED

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"WITHDRAWAL" AND WILL SEEK TO OBTAIN PRESIDENT'S UNDERSTANDING TO USE FORMER IN COMMUNIQUE. ACCORDING TO YOMIURI, POSITION IS RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN FONOFF AND JDA AND INCLUDED IN THEIR TALKING PAPER ON QUESTION. YOMIURI ADDS THAT FUKUDA'S APPARENT RESOLVE TO SPEAK UP ON KOREAN QUESTION IS RESULT OF GOJ RECOGNITION THAT IT MUST SAY SOMETHING IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT'S MARCH 9 PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE

ANNOUNCED 4-5 YEAR TIMETABLE AND NEED FOR GOJ UNDERSTANDING AND,
PERHAPS, PARTICIPATION.
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